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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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OF AN OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM)
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

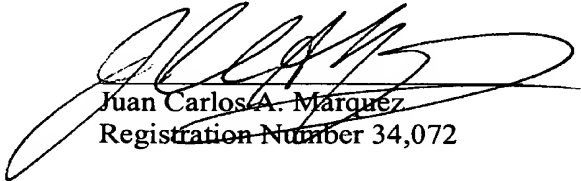
Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **three (3) months**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$1,020.00**.

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